

REMARKS

Claims 3-26 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, claims 3-11 and 13-24 have been amended and claims 25 and 26 have been added. Claims 1 and 2 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Support for the amendment to claim 20 is found at least at original claims 1 and 2. Claims 3-11, 13-19, and 21-23 have been merely amended to change their dependency or to remove reference numeral in accordance with US practice. Support for claims 25 and 26 is found at least at original claim 24. No new matter has been added.

Applicants appreciate the indication in the Office Action that claims 20 -22 recite allowable subject matter and base the amendments herein on this indication. Specifically, claim 20 has been amended into independent form including all of the features of original claims 1 and 2.

Claims 1-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for reciting the claim feature “and/or.” Claims 1 and 24 have been amended to obviate this rejection. Claims 2-23 have been rejected merely for their dependence on claim 1.

Claims 1-19 and 22-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Krekeler 4,275,929.

As appreciated by the Examiner, Krekeler cannot reasonably be considered to suggest the features of claim 20. Accordingly, the amendments herein render this rejection moot.

In view of the above amendment, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicants concurrently herewith submit the requisite fee for a Petition for a one-month Extension of Time. Applicants believe no additional fee is due with this response. However, if any such additional fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 20459-00398-US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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